

## MORE WHEAT PRIZES

Honors for Western Canada  
Come Year After Year.

At the recent Soil Products Exposition at Peoria, Ill., in a keen contest for the coveted first prize for wheat, Western Canada has again carried off all the honors. Not only has she won the first, but also the second and third prizes. These were won by Mr. S. Larcombe, of Hurtle, Manitoba. In past years the Province of Saskatchewan had the distinguished honor of carrying off the initial prize.

Harvesting and threshing are now completed in Western Canada, and while it is early in the season to give exact figures as to the average yield per acre of wheat, oats, barley and flax it is safe to assume that the former will yield about 20 bushels per acre. The price to the farmer will be about \$2.50 per bushel, giving him \$50.00 an acre of a return. When it is considered that the land upon which this wheat is grown averaged less than \$30 an acre, it takes very little figuring to arrive at an estimate of the profit there is to the grain grower of Western Canada. The writer knows where a farmer purchased 100 acres of land in the spring of 1916, broke it up the same year, put it in wheat in 1917. His crop was harvested a few days ago. It yielded 4,800 bushels and he sold it at \$2.05 per bushel, giving him \$9,840. The land cost him \$4,800, breaking, seeding, weeding, cutting and threshing, \$1,920. His profit was \$3,120 after paying for his land and his costs of improving. He has now \$3,120 to commence another season with a "paid for in full" improved farm.

Never has farming offered such profitable returns for labor as at present and nowhere is the large profit equal to that of the low priced, high yielding lands of Western Canada.

There has been a big rush during the past few weeks of renters and owners of high priced lands in many parts of the United States to investigate these 100% profit reports. No better season of the year could be selected by anyone desiring to better their condition and wishing to give Western Canada the "once over." Threshing is now completed and the grain being marketed. The weather is fine and will be pleasant for a couple of months and a visit now to personally investigate the conditions will be convincing and profitable. While old home ties and family associations are one of the first considerations in the mind of the reader, who feels that the old five or ten per cent return is sufficient, it behooves the modern and progressive farmer always to be on the alert to grasp the opportunities of the hour. Land in Western Canada that is annually producing a gross return of from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per acre is purchasable at from \$15 to \$30 per acre. It can be seen at a glance that such values cannot help but increase as they have done in the older agricultural districts of the United States. The new settler will find himself surrounded by same contented and prosperous neighbors. The expense of making one visit to look into Western Canada's opportunities is small—a special reduced rate is available and you owe yourself a holiday and a trip may do you good. You owe your dependents a right to better your condition and Western Canada offers that opportunity.—Advertisement.

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Mrs. Janis.

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## GERMAN PLOT TO SWAY CONGRESS ASTOUNDS NATION

Revelations by Secretary of State Lansing Bring Storm of Denunciation.

### BERNSTORFF WAS PAYMASTER

Ambassador's Request for \$50,000 Regarded as Indicating That Money Had Been Used Before for Same Purpose.

Washington.—Members of congress, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps have not yet recovered from their amazement at the astounding revelations made by Secretary of State Lansing of the plans of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to expend \$50,000 in an effort to influence congress and prevent this country from going to war with Germany. The revelation of this plot, following the disclosures of other cases of German duplicity in its diplomatic relations with the United States and other countries, had the effect of sweeping away such antiwar propaganda as may still have been alive in the national capital and giving more convincing evidence of the hostile acts which forced the United States into the war.

### How Plot Was Revealed.

Here is the statement of Secretary Lansing:

"The secretary of state issues the following statement from Ambassador Bernstorff to the Berlin foreign office, dated January 22, 1917:

"I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), in order, as on former occasions, to influence congress through the organization you know of which can perhaps prevent war."

"I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly."

"In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

### Capital Stunned by Revelations.

The publication of this letter apparently revealing the fact that Bernstorff had previously "influenced" congress through the organization you know of, actually stunned the capital.

On the floor of the house, congressmen were denounced as "suspect" and it was openly stated by some that they believed their colleagues had received German money.

According to Representative Tom Heflin, Alabama, he believes he could name 13 or 14 men in the two houses of congress who have acted suspiciously.

Fess of Ohio and Howard of Georgia both declared the German propaganda worked directly, with money changing hands and reaching government officials.

Additional startling revelations of the free use of money by the German government to sustain the German propaganda in the United States will follow Lansing's exposure.

These revelations, it was indicated, will corroborate the indictment of the German embassy as the disbursing bureau for propaganda. Certain Irish-American agitators in the country who have allied themselves with hostile German Americans may expect to be the next objects of the government's attack.

### Convicts Count Bernstorff.

The shower of indictments of German clandestine pre-war activities in this country is relied upon by the state department to set at rest all doubt remaining in any quarters that the German government officially through Count von Bernstorff conspired flagrantly, as asserted in President Wilson's war proclamation, to divide the American people on the issues of the war. It is believed by the state department that public opinion, after digesting the contents of the series of exposures, may be depended upon to deal effectively with those who became the catspaws of the German embassy.

The message was decoded by Scotland Yard experts after vain attempts by Americans.

Expulsion might have been Von Bernstorff's fate as remotely as 1915 if the state department had then known as much about the secrets of the German code as it knows today.

### Other Shots to Follow.

One by one the exhibits in the evidence in the case, it was said at the state department, will be given to the public.

That Americans in high public positions lent themselves to the German embassy's plan to split congress on the question of war, further decoded messages in the possession of the government are expected to demonstrate conclusively.

More than one of these well-known persons has been under public suspicion, but proof of their complicity with the German government has not come forth. It is known that evidence of the most damaging and convincing character has finally been obtained by the agents of the government.

Vice President Marshall made a clear-cut statement of his views to-

ward German propaganda, following the state department's announcement. "This ought to end forever," he said, "any and every doubt in the mind of any American as to the justice of and necessity for this war. It proves that the German government was seeking all along to split us into factions, by corrupt means of necessary, possibly hoping in time to win the war in Europe and then humiliate and subjugate us. He who is not wholeheartedly for the war runs a grave risk of being suspected of getting a part of the fifty thousand dollars. This is an honest congress, and all its members will resent this insult to its intelligence and honor."

Whether the state department is in possession of other evidence indicating the ambassador's activities has not been revealed, but the extraordinary disclosures already made have fixed the belief that agents of the United States government have collected and compiled the entire story of German duplicity and intrigue and that additional chapters will be added.

### Knew Plan of "Ruthlessness."

The reference to averting war is taken as an indication that Ambassador Bernstorff had prior knowledge of his government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States government could not be easily placated by mere promises. The German announcement of its intention to expand its submarine activities was not made public until January 31, when the world was startled not only by the determination to remove all restrictions, but by the statement that it would become effective on the following day. Three days later the United States government had expressed its disapproval by severing relations with Germany.

That the German ambassador knew of his government's intention was assumed by some officials, although at the same time he denied prior knowledge and those in close touch with the embassy were given to understand that he did not approve the course and worked to obtain modification.

### Small Amount for Bribe.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of congress, and doubt that such was his purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way toward buying the influence of any congressman. Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

### Search Anti-War List.

As soon as news of the Bernstorff message reached the capital members began a hasty search of the files to find the names of the men who voted against war. While there was no assertion from anyone that anyone of these members was influenced by German propaganda or money, yet it was pointed out that if such influence was exerted, and if it had any effect, the names of those affected would be shown in the lists of those who opposed the war resolution.

"I was forced to the conclusion some time ago," Representative Heflin said, in discussing the revelations, "that Germany thought we were a cowardly people and afraid to fight, but I did not know that we were a corrupt people and would betray our country for German gold."

"The telegram sent by Count von Bernstorff is an admission of the fact that Germany had a corruption fund in the United States for the purpose of carrying on German propaganda."

"If members have acted in suspicious fashion by the introduction of resolutions or bills or by speeches in congress or out of congress, that leads to the conviction that they are not loyal to this government at this time, they ought to be investigated, and, if found guilty, they ought to be expelled from the floor of this house and from the floor of the senate of the United States."

### Propaganda Still Lives.

Senator Husting was one of the first to make a declaration after the state department had made its spectacular disclosure.

"Although Bernstorff is gone," he said, "the spirit of Bernstorff still lives, and I trust the department of justice and the secret service will go to the bottom of this thing and that the organization which has been built up in this country through the efforts of the German government will be rooted out and utterly eliminated."

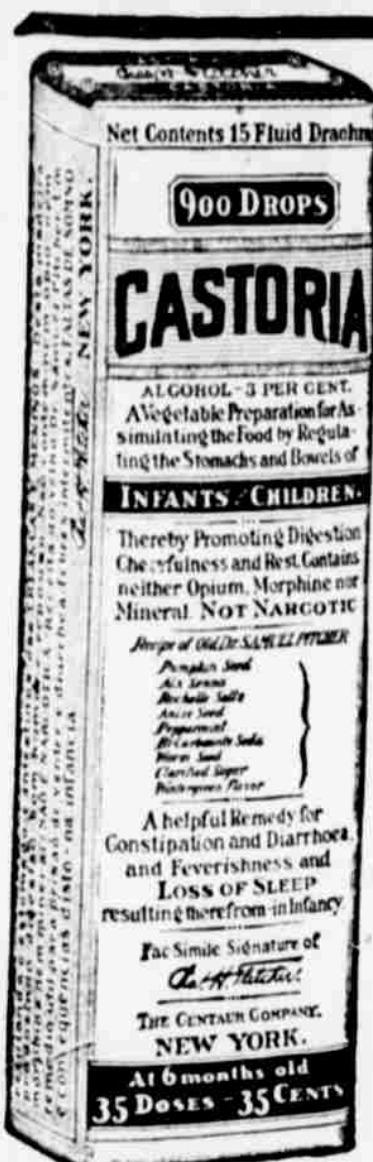
"This is highly interesting information, but I am not surprised. I myself have an order for \$5,000 to be paid to a certain publication signed by Bernstorff."

"The thing that impresses me, however, is that Bernstorff has been gone for months and yet the propaganda goes on. Now it was apparent long before we entered the war that all of this propaganda was not coming forth by chance. It was clear that it was inspired by some astute, powerful, clever source, and that source was the German government."

"Bernstorff was not the only medium through which money was paid out."

"I have no doubt that millions of dollars have been expended here to influence American public opinion."

"This organization must be destroyed. We must take it out by the roots. It must not be allowed to live here after the war. Otherwise we shall have in our midst propaganda which will influence elections and from which politicians will run this way and that."



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### A Lost Cause.

The man who would rather be popular than right usually winds up by being neither.

### Liquor Control in Bermuda.

Consul Carl R. Loop of Hamilton, reports that the Bermuda legislature has passed a law whereby "during the continuance of the present war the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor in all clubs and licensed premises is prohibited between the hours of nine o'clock at night and nine o'clock on the following morning."

### Compliments of the Day.

Soldiers have to do their own mending, when it is done at all, and it appears—although few persons would have guessed it—that the thoughtful war office supplies them with outfits for that purpose. Otherwise, this joke would be impossible.

Everything was ready for kit inspection; the recruits stood lined up ready for the officer, and the officer had his bad temper all complete. He unbuttoned up and down the line, grimly eyeing each man's bundle of needles and soft soap, and *bang* he singled out Private MacTouille as the man who was to receive his attentions.

"Toothbrush?" he roared.

"Yes, sir."

"Razor?"

"Yes, sir."

"Hold-all?"

"Yes, sir."

"Huh! You're all right, apparently," growled the officer. Then he barked, "Housewife?"

"O very well, thank you," said the recruit, amiably. "How's yours?"—*Journal of the American Medical Association.*

### DOBBIN HAS A DAY DREAM

Faithful Old Horse Will Have Regular Thrill When He Casts Off His Shoes.

When the automobile and the tin Lizzie shall at last have relegated the "hoos" to the limbo of things obsolete, will the noble animal degenerate and hark back to his ancestral type, or will he simply disappear like the dodo? asks "Zim" in *Cartoons* magazine.

It has taken a lot of time and patience to develop Dobbin from the primitive models such as the hydracretum, the pachynolophus and the eodippos, to make him "when," back and "gitap" and take his meals out of a nosebag. In the process of civilization he has gradually lost his toes and has had to accommodate his feet to the horseshoe. Does he still dream perhaps of the delights of having toes—of sinking them down into the green sush of the tertiary era and feeling the cool goo trickled up between them? If so, how glad he will be some day to look down and see his long-forgotten toes beginning to sprout once again! His will be the thrill of the small boy on the first warm day of spring when he can cast off his shoes and go bare-foot.

When the "hoos" discovers for the first time that he can again wiggle his toes, he will doubtless radiate a smile of solid comfort.

### The Egg in Transit.

In all this economic discussion of the egg in transit, no humanitarian has arisen to suggest that this distinguished citizen should be permitted to travel hereafter in a lower berth.—*Bested Transcript.*

### At Times.

"Don't you like hot water in the house?"

"Not when I'm in it."

### An Ambitious Collegian.

She—Are you a freshman?

He—Confused—I try to be.—*Brimsman.*

### A Wise Orang-Outang.

Prof. William T. Hornaday, the noted animal preceptor, cites this instance of ape sagacity:

"I once became quite chummy with an untrained, caged, menagerie orang-outang by the name of Dobbin. He was a son of the jungle and intensely concerned in matters that came into his narrow life. All that he learned outside of his inherited instincts he learned himself. His cage contained a number of horizontal bars attached to brackets on which he took considerable solemn exercise. One day he concluded that the bars ought to come down. Bracing his feet against the solid wall of the cage, he pulled every bar from its fastening and flung it on the floor. Larger bars were substituted, which the ape snarled to remove. After straining his back in this futile effort, he walked up and down in his cage and was apparently intently studying the situation. Eventually he procured the crossbar of his trapeze and using it for a lever, he not only pried every horizontal bar from its brackets, but he likewise pried the iron bars of his cage apart so that he could stick his head through the opening and satisfy his curiosity regarding his neighbor in the adjoining cage."

### Selective Draft.

Much amusement was caused in the house of commons by the official admission that "by a regrettable clerical error" the national service department had notified the speaker that they proposed to transfer him to new employment at Wolverhampton at about one dollar per day, with a weekly war bonus of a little more than a dollar "on the ground that such employment was deemed of greater national importance than that on which he was now engaged."

If we are to judge people by what they say, some men must live all day and nights.

One can't always judge a woman's innate truthfulness by what she says.

# Eat More Corn!

When you eat corn instead of wheat you are saving for the boys in France.

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